

## **MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Wednesday, March 1, 2006                      9:00 a.m.                      Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Nofs, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, LaJoy, Stahl, Moore, Schuitmaker, Dillon, Accavitti, Mayes, Hopgood, Clemente. (14/19)**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Drolet, Palsrok, Baxter, Murphy, Hunter. (5/19)**

Representative Proos made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of February 15, 2006, supported by Representative Moore. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

Representative Accavitti made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Garfield. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

For purposes of discussion, the Chair laid the following legislation before the Committee:

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| HB 5686 | Nofs        | Taxation; severance; oil and gas severance tax revenue; earmark a portion to the home heating credit fund.  |
| HB 5687 | Moore       | Income tax; other; home heating credit fund; establish.   |
| HB 5688 | Baxter      | Taxation; severance; oil and gas severance tax revenue; earmark a portion to the home heating credit fund.  |
| HR 182  | Schuitmaker | A resolution to memorialize the Congress and the President of the United States to increase funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). |

Representative Moore reviewed the contents of HB 5687 with the Committee.

Chair Nofs outlined the provisions of HB 5686 and briefly commented on HB 5687, HB 5688 and HR 182.

Greg Moore, Legislative Aide to Chair Nofs, spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5688 on behalf of Representative Baxter.

Representative Schuitmaker spoke to the Committee regarding HR 182.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5686-5688 and indicated a neutral position on the bills at this time.

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Greg White, representing the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), submitted a card indicating support for HR 182.

E.J. Buss, representing the AARP, submitted a card in support of HB 5686-5688 and HR 182.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nofs declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 9:35 a.m.

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Representative Mike Nofs, Chair

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